nourishment and that the upper strata of our population are being drowned in luxury while the great masses of the people are kept below the line of bare existence and how they intend to remove this obvious structural flaw and injustice?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government have had no occasion to look into the question but some such disparity is inevitable in the very nature of things in the present state of society. They do not at present intend to do anything to remove it.

Growth of trade.

37. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to show the rate of growth of our Foreign trade for each year of the last one decade?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Government regret that statistics are not available.

Municipal tolls on boats.

38. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to a foregoing question regarding 'Unjustifiable Municipal Tolls', whether any Court of Law in Cochin has pronounced against the said Municipal exactions and if it has whether it was not unlawful for the Cochin Municipality to take coercive steps for realising the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The matter is sub-judice.

Trees tapped for sweet toddy.

39. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the number of trees annually tapped for sweet toddy in the last 10 years; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government to encourage and develop jaggery making from sweet toddy in the State?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—

Year.	Cocoanut.	Sago.	Palmyra.	Total.
1098	7,490	7,991	5,919	21,400
1099	6,258	8,211	7,729	2,21,698
1100	6,193	7,687	8,480	22,360
1101	6,015	8,495	8,105	22,615
1102	6,520	11,731	12,133	30,384
1103	7,267	12,956	13,084	33,307

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1104	6,965	14,988	13,009	34,962
1105	5,973	12,933	11,710	30,616
1106	5,988	7,900	13,251	27,139
1107	7,567	8,605	13,653	29,825

(b) Free licenses are issued to all bona fide jaggery tappers.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, whether this is the only step taken by the Government to encourage jaggery tapping?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—That is the only step taken by this department.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do they consider it necessary to take any other step?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We may consider that point also.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will it be considered?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We shall consider.

Burial ground—Kunnamkulam.

40. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a petition dated 7th Meenam 1108 from Thiyyas and other non-caste Hindus in Kunnamkulam village has been received by the Diwan requesting to grant them a burial ground;

(b) whether their request has been granted; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken in respect of the aforesaid petition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) A petition dated 13th March 1933 (30th Kumbham 1108) from the Ezhuvas and other backward communities of Kunnamkulam and its suburbs has been received.

(b) and (c) Their request is receiving the attention of the Government.

Land Mortgage Bank.

41. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the question regarding the starting of Land Mortgage Bank, will the Government be pleased to state how long a similar bank has been functioning in Travancore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In Travancore the Land Mortgage Bank started work on 4th Makaram 1107.

Masonry drains for Pazhanji Bazaar.

42. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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